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*Whether Common or Not*  
By Will M. Maupin.

**The Boycotter**

He joined the meat boycotters with intent to bust the trust That controls the price we have to pay for meat; He pinched his hungry stomach, while his little children fussed For a bite of healthy food that they might eat. His form grew wan and wasted, and his little children paled; His loving wife grew thinner every day. But the meat trust sat the tighter, and the meat boycotters failed— Yesterday, today, tomorrow, it is pay! pay!! pay!!!

He spouted on the corner of the downtrod workingman And shouted that he never had a chance. Night and morn he started talking and all day his talk works ran, Cussing trusts that made him nimble duck and dance. He refused to purchase bacon—and they raised the price of meal. Took no chicken—and they raised the price of cheese. Aye, the trusts put on the kibosh till they made him fairly squeal And get down and crawl upon his hands and knees.

He wept and wailed and anguished, but the trusts gave him no heed, For they knew they had him faded and for fair. They knew he'd howl and hollar, but in time they'd only need To feed him "protective tariff" red-hot air. Well they knew that when election called the voters to the polls He'd gulp down the usual dose of tariff squills; So they let him howl and holler till the air was full of holes, While they framed their little robber tariff bills.

He joined the meat boycotters, but he voted for the trust, He starved himself and children for a while. He went to work when hungry and the packers oft he cussed, But the packers merely waited with a smile. When the time came—presto, change! He walked up with smiling face, Took the ticket framed by Mr. Bondsandstocks, And with shouts of "High protection!" in the voting line took place— Queered himself and kids right at the ballot box.

**Enjoined**

"I met Workerly on the street the other day, and when I spoke to him he stared past me and never let on he saw me at all. I wonder what I have done to make him angry at me." "He isn't angry at you. Workerly belongs to the striking metal workers and he has been enjoined from speaking to anybody but his wife, from writing letters to anybody, from asking for street car transfers, from borrowing chewing tobacco, from eating pie with his knife and from doing about anything else. He isn't going to be yanked up for contempt if he can help it."

**Ambiguous**

Jobson has struck me for a position and refers me to you. Do you

consider him a man of ordinary good judgment?"

"Well, Jobson is one of those who believe that the same tariff that makes woolen goods cheaper by fostering competition makes raw wool dearer by preventing competition."

**Lenten**

"Give me one kiss!" the lover cried, In wild accent. "I can not, sir," the maid replied; "It's Lent."

The young man heaved a heavy sigh And started down the pike. The maiden thought: "Lent's giving up Something that I like."

She hastened then to call him back, In silv'ry tone. "It's Lent," she said, "but I give up Alone."

**Shortsighted**

"That's good!" shouted Phat-hedde. "What's good?" queried Think-erly.

"Why, the sugar trust barons have been fined 'steen million dollars, and that means they've got to let go of some of their ill-gotten gains."

"Rats! It don't mean anything of the kind. It means you and I have got to pay the fine."

**Different**

"Hello, Bill! How are you getting along?" "Making money fast." "Good! How do you do it?" "Chasing it, and the harder I chase it the faster it gets."

**Polar Note**

"I note that the next polar dash will be southward."

"Great Gee Whillikens! Have we got to go through another Peary-Cook squabble again?"

**Listening**

"What's the matter with Wilkins? Has he got a crick in his neck?" "No; he's just holding his ear out in the hope of hearing a call to office from the voters of this city."

**Canine Item**

Fido—"What's the matter? Been sick?"

Towser—"Nope! But the folks at our house have boycotted meat and I can't live on vegetables."

**Brain Leaks**

Where there's a will there's a lawyer.

Friends bought with money change as easily as a ten dollar bill. Good intentions don't count for much unless backed up by great effort.

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